



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application No. 09/976,054
Filed: October 15, 2001
For: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated With
The Cytokinin Pathway
Inventors: Nordine Cheikh *et al.*
Atty. Docket: 38-21(15094)C

Sir:

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1. Response to Restriction Requirement, dated 10/07/2002; and
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Respectfully submitted,

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Response to Restriction Requirement

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 7, 2002 (Paper No. 5), Applicants submit the following remarks.

Remarks

The application presently contains claims 1-11. In the Office Action, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

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